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"MARKED UP" PARAGRAPHS AS AMENDED, 37 CFR § 1.121(b)(1)(iii)

In the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 13:

To further aid in aligning the blind 20, the apparatus 10 also includes alignment assembly 32, which includes header insert 38. After the blind 20 is placed in clamp 40, but before the upper jaw 50 is rotated toward the lower jaw 60, the alignment assembly 32 is moved toward the side of the blind 20 that is away from the cutter 30. The header 22 of the blind 20 can be inserted into the header insert 32. By holding the alignment assembly 32 against the side of the blind 20, the blind is aligned with the apparatus 10 and movement of the blind 20 is reduced or eliminated. Another benefit of the alignment assembly 32 is that when the alignment assembly 32 is pushed against the blind 20 (or vice versa) to align the edge of the blind 20, the blind 20 is cut [is] straight. Once the blind 20 is aligned, the upper jaw 50 is rotated downwardly toward the lower jaw 60, and secured by latches 70, 71. Once the blind 20 is secured in the clamp 40, the alignment assembly 32 can be translated away from the blind 20.

In the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 5:

With the blind 20 placed in the cutter 30, the first side of the blind 20 is cut. FIGS. 1 and 3 show a blind 20 that is shortened such that the apparatus 10 can be seen. After the first side of the blind 20 is cut, the blind 20 is then rotated by disengaging the plunger 72 of the mount 44, which permits the rotating clamp 40 containing the blind 20 to be translated toward the edge of the apparatus 10. The translation is achieved by sliding the mount 44 [32] along the track 70 of the upper surface 12 of the apparatus 10 or by other modes of translation previously noted.

In the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 1:

First, the upper jaw 50 and lower jaw 60 can be of unitary construction. For example, instead the upper jaw 50 consisting of a front plate 58 [52] and two arms 54, the upper jaw 50 could consist of one U-shaped piece.

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Title: CUTTING TABLE AND CLAMP FOR USE THEREWITH

"MARKED UP" CLAIMS AS AMENDED, 37 CFR § 1.121(b)(1)(ii)

1. [AMENDED] An apparatus for holding [cutting] an item to be cut comprising:
 - (a) a table; and
 - (b) a clamp for holding [retaining] the item, the clamp being capable of translating on the table and rotating on an axis perpendicular [parallel] to the [plane of] the table such that the item held by the clamp can be rotated in 360 degrees [between cutting a first end of the item and cutting a second end of the item].
2. [AMENDED] The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the clamp comprises:
 - (a) an upper jaw;
 - (b) a lower jaw [backplate];
 - (c) a backplate [lower jaw], the lower jaw and the upper jaw pivotally connected to the backplate; and
 - (d) a latch that restrains the lower and upper jaws against movement relative to one another.
3. [AMENDED] The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a cutting device [cutter] that is disposed on the table.
5. [AMENDED] The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:
 - (a) a mount;
 - (b) a shaft that is affixed on one end to the mount and on the other end to the clamp, such that the clamp can rotate in 360 degrees;
 - (c) a tray that is affixed to the table;
 - (d) a track that is disposed in the tray, the track guiding the mount[while the clamp translates on the table in a plane that is parallel to the table] such that the mount slidably translates from the front to the rear of the table; and
 - (e) a plunger that fixes the mount to the shaft when a desired rotational position of the clamp is reached.

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13. [AMENDED] A clamp comprising:
- (a) an upper jaw;
 - (b) a lower jaw;
 - (c) a backplate, the lower jaw and the upper jaw pivotally connected to the backplate; and
 - (d) a latch that restrains the lower and upper jaws against movement relative to one another[, wherein the clamp is capable of retaining the item to be cut, translating on the table, and rotating on an axis parallel to the plane of the table].
16. [AMENDED] The clamp of claim 13, in combination with
- (a) a table;
 - (b) a mount;
 - (c) a shaft that is affixed on one end to the mount and on the other end to the clamp, such that the clamp can rotate in 360 degrees;
 - (d) a tray that is affixed to the table;
 - (e) a track that is disposed in the tray, the track guiding the mount such that the mount slidably moves from the front to the rear of the table [while the clamp translates on the table in a plane that is parallel to the table]; and
 - (f) a plunger that fixes the mount to the shaft when a desired rotational position of the clamp is reached.